I have full confidence in your courage and ability. Win me some victories.

23d. I leave for Strassburg to-morrow at half-past four in the morning.

26th, Strassburg:

The whole army is across the Rhine. We shall soon be manoeuvring.

<27th. Events are moving rapidly. The Austrians are at the debouches of the Black Forest. Heaven keep them there! My only anxiety is lest we frighten them away. If I am lucky enough, and the Austrians remain asleep three or four days more on the Iller, I shall be around them, and I hope that only debris will escape me.

29th. The King of Prussia has called up his reservists.

The weather is glorious; I hope I shall have a fine autumn.

(To Marshal Ney.) I assume you have reached Stutt-gardt. Marshal Lannes is marching on Ludwigsburg; he can move rapidly to support you if it should be necessary. Prince Murat is marching on Rastadt. Keep him informed of everything.

30th. Soldiers! The war of the Third Coalition has begun. The Austrian army has crossed the Inn, has broken all treaties, has attacked our ally and driven him from his capital. You have been compelled to rush to the defence of our frontiers by forced marches. But you are already across the Rhine. We will not stay our march until we have secured the independence of the Germanic body, succoured our allies, and confounded the pride of our unjust aggressors!